

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Case No. 1:10cr200 (LMB)
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LEE BENTLEY FARKAS,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

**NOTICE OF FILING LETTERS FOR SENTENCING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, LEE BENTLEY FARKAS, by and through his counsel, is filing the following redacted character letters (identified for filing purposes by number as “1-1” through “1-48”):

1. Erla Carter-Shaw;
2. John Cathro;
3. Robert A. Cromartie;
4. Shawn Cross;
5. Janet Duncan;
6. Joe W. Ellis;
7. Alonzo Esgaib;
8. R. William Futch;
9. David Galvan;
10. Rabbi Yossi Hecht;
11. Jim Herzberger;
12. Terri A. Huber;

13. Robert Huff;
14. Jose Interiano;<sup>1</sup>
15. Mary Ann Johnson;
16. Paulette Johnston;
17. Laurie P. Jones;
18. Debbie Kemp;
19. Marlene King;
20. Paula King;
21. Susan E. King;
22. Richard B. Klein;
23. Frances M. Lamz;
24. Joan and Norman Lapping;
25. Carlos D. Lopez;
26. Judy Lovelace;
27. Carolina Molinos;
28. Manuel M. Molinos;
29. Nedra Morose;
30. Steven Morose;
31. Carole Morrissey;
32. Deborah Nosewicz;
33. Tim Parker;

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Interiano's letter was translated "in-house" and the original version, in Spanish, is available for review upon request.

34. Wayne Pollack;
35. Margaret A. Potter-Levane;
36. Justin Potts;
37. John M. Rennie;
38. Jerome C. Sarason;
39. Sigrid Schwartz
40. Jo-Ann Semler;
41. Mark Spaulding;
42. Kendel Standlee;
43. David Stark;
44. Samantha Stathas;
45. Jessica Vega;
46. Kimberly Wages-Bead;
47. Sarah Wood;
48. Jeanette Zufelt.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to at least the following registered ECF users:

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13th May, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema,

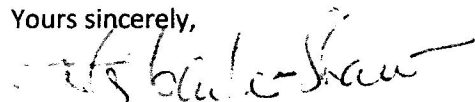
I have known Lee Farkas for the last 10 years. Mr. Farkas has been my employer since 2000. He has also been my mentor and sounding board.

During this time I have found Mr. Farkas to be a kind and generous person. I have seen him worked tirelessly on community projects for the town of Ocala. One such project is every year since working for TB&W he has personally stand on the street corner ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and has raised thousands of dollars. He also encouraged his employees and instilled them with the same generosity. Every year for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the employees would contribute tons of food to be distributed among the poor of Ocala.

Mr. Farkas was also very concerned in regards to the treatment of TB&W customers. He always stressed the fact that the customers must be treated with respect at all times and would continuously send emails to employees to remind them of their customer service.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erla Carter-Shaw", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Erla Carter-Shaw

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

401 Courthouse Square

Alexandria, VA 22314

Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema,

I am writing this letter with regard to my personal experience in working for and with Mr. Lee Farkas. I had the pleasure of working for Lee at Taylor, Bean & Whitaker for 7 ½ years. I had never had employment prior to or since where I had as much opportunity and superior tools to do my job. I attribute this to Lee's vision, dedication and generosity.


With regard to Lee on a personal level, I know of many instances where he went out of his way to help employees as well as others that did not work for TBW. These were situations where individuals were in a bind and Lee was there to help them out and asking nothing in return. There are not many that do these things for other people. Additionally, he was always extremely fair with the employees. We all considered ourselves as one big family. The former employees of TBW that I stay in contact with, and there are many, continually express their appreciation for having the opportunity to work at TBW and wish that we were still there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cathro", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Cathro

May 24, 2011

  
The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema,

For almost 25 years, I have lived in the Ocala community and been honored by a friendship with Lee B. Farkas. While the media have used his convictions to paint him as a man marked only by greed, self-service and without conscience, I know him to be a very different human being.

Lee Farkas is a man blessed with humility who shows compassion to others --often to a fault. Over the years, I have witnessed his generosity, not just with resources (he didn't always have them), but with his spirit, devotion, encouragement and guidance. Farkas' benevolence has enhanced hundreds of lives as well as every major charity in our community, from Hospice to the Humane Society. He genuinely loves his country, his family, his church and his employees. Farkas respects government, the environment and is a kind, caring, spiritual man with a feeling of obligation to do right and to be good.

I know Lee Farkas. I know that his indictment, trial and incarceration have been his life's most painful and traumatic experience. I know that Lee is trying to understand his transgressions and struggling to comprehend how his actions, or lack of them, have led him to this low point in his life, despite his good intentions. The success and material that helped to identify the public figure that was Lee Farkas have been stripped away. However, the inherent personal, ethical and spiritual essence that identifies my friend still remains. We learn most in life from personal experiences and pain is our greatest motivator for change.

I would like to believe that when a good, hardworking, committed, well-meaning person's life is assessed, that it is not measured by a brief window of their failures. I would also like to believe that a person with that depth of character, who has experienced the pain of making bad decisions, is given the opportunity to prove their motivation to change. Lee Farkas has spent the majority of his life intended to make the world a better place and I am proud to call him my friend.

Sincerely yours,



Robert A. Cromartie



I am writing this letter on behalf of Lee Farkas. I have known Lee for 3 years; and can say that there is a generous side to Lee.

The media has portrayed him in a not so positive way. The papers didn't tell how many charities and civic organizations he contributed to. He set up a foundation for TBW workers that had unfortunate circumstances in their lives; or how he contributed to the Ocala Theatre.

Lee gave me a good paying, fulfilling job. I'm just a regular blue collar worker, but the time that I worked for Lee was memorable. There are many positive things that Lee had done for many people. Please consider everything positive as well as negative when looking at a person.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Cross

RE: Lee Farkas

I worked for Mr. Farkas for 11 years and in those years I got to know his most giving side.

He helped all people I've known and those he didn't.

I helped him hold many raffles for numerous charities.

He even generously helped my step son (paraplegic) go to Russia for stem cell research.

He truly loved helping others.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Janet Duncan